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Studless tire used on a snow or ice covered road, having non-metal staple

fibers dispersed in a diene rubber in such a way that the fibers are

oriented in a thickness direction of a tread

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Abstract (Basic): EP 1072446 A2

NOVELTY - A studless tire having non-metal staple fibers with an average fiber diameter of 1-100 mu and an average length of 0.1-5 mm, which are dispersed in a diene rubber in such a way that the fibers are oriented in a thickness direction of a tread.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - A studless tire having non-metal staple

fibers with an average fiber diameter of 1-100 mu and an average length of 0.1-5 mm, which are dispersed in a diene rubber in such a way that the fibers are oriented in a thickness direction of a tread. A complex elastic modulus E1 in the thickness direction of the tread and an elastic modulus E2 in a circumferential direction of the tire (25 degreesC) satisfy equation 1.1 at most E1/E2 at most 4 (I) and the hardness of the tread rubber (-10 degreesC) is 45-75 degrees.

USE - The tire is used on a snow or ice covered road.

ADVANTAGE - The tire has excellent adhesion, adhesion friction, abrasion friction, digging friction and scratching friction performance.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The drawing shows a cross-sectional view of the tire tread. (1) tread; (2) non-metal staple fibers.

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Technology Focus:

TECHNOLOGY FOCUS - POLYMERS - Preferred Tire: The non-metal staple fibers are non-metal inorganic staple fibers, preferably glass or carbon fibers.

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